



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine
Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)**

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Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Veterinary Shortage ID Code: IL114

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: **Hamilton County Illinois**

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or

Location of Position: **McLeansboro, Illinois 62859**

(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

☐ Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☐ Beef Cattle
- ☐ Dairy Cattle
- ☐ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other _____

☒ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☒ Beef Cattle
- ☒ Dairy Cattle
- ☒ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☒ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other : _____

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- ☐ Food Safety
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Epidemiology
- ☐ Other: _____

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The primary objective of a veterinarian in this position is to provide food animal veterinary services to the citizens of the county and surrounding area. In addition, the practitioner will be able to serve as an additional set of “eyes” available for surveillance of potential foreign animal and emerging disease occurrence. This general area of the state has moderate livestock density with a limited number of food animal practitioners to service the area.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

A private practitioner in this position will be responsible for diagnosis and treatment of diseases of food animals. The veterinarian may develop herd health programs for clients and provide educational services regarding livestock production and biosecurity. The veterinarian will be expected to develop a relationship with state and federal animal health regulatory officials and to report suspected cases of foreign animal diseases and reportable diseases under state statute. The veterinarian can be a great asset in the county by becoming involved in the state veterinary emergency response team and working with local emergency management agencies on issues related to livestock disease outbreaks and public health issues. According to the AVMA study of food supply veterinarians, there are approximately 25,000 food producing animals in the county and no food animal veterinarians currently.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

There have been no recent efforts to recruit and retain a practicing food animal veterinarian in this county.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

The area that this veterinarian is positioned in has a moderate density of livestock. It is also closely located to state borders and interstate movement is a daily occurrence. The area is economically depressed which exacerbates the lack of herd health programs. Inadequate veterinary care can lead to increased disease incidence in livestock herds, misdiagnosis or no diagnosis of disease processes, and as a result may potentiate the improper use of medications leading to drug withdrawal violations and food safety concerns. Veterinary practitioners along with producers are critical in early recognition of foreign animal and exotic diseases. It is important that underserved areas such as this support and maintain a local veterinary practitioner to help ensure livestock health, food safety, and public health.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a “service in emergency” agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the “Service in Emergency” agreement.

Authorized State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or designee:

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